

# WEST COAST TRAINING CONFERENCE

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## WEST COAST TRAINING Trends in Forensics CONFERENCE June 3—5, 2015





## 2015 WEST COAST TRAINING CONFERENCE

### **Welcome and Introduction**

Dr. Mark A. Fajardo

Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, County of Los Angeles

### **Keynote Address**

Jim McDonnell

Sheriff, County of Los Angeles

### **Special Guest Speaker**

David Sommers

Director, Countywide Communications, County of Los Angeles

## **Day 1**

### **Forensic Implications of Tattoos**

Dr. Marie Russell, Associate Medical Director,  
LAC+USC Medical Center, Medical Director, Jail Services

### **Oldest Cold Case Hits**

Susannah Knetchel and Amber Sage, Senior Criminalists, L.A.  
County Sheriff's Department, Scientific Services Bureau

### **Veteran Burials**

John Kades, Captain, L.A. County Dept. of Medical Examiner-  
Coroner

### **Furensics: Animal DNA in Criminal Investigations**

Christina Lindquist, MSFS, Director/Forensic Analyst/Quality Manag-  
er, U.C. Davis, Veterinary Genetics Laboratory - Forensic Unit

### **Clandestine Laboratory**

Detective Frank Lyga (ret), Drug Recognition Expert

## **Day 2**

### **Bath Salts and Other Emerging Drugs**

Officer Peter Tulagan, Narcotics Expert Police Officer

### **A Case Study from Seizure to Trial**

Brittany C. Huntington, Forensic Chemist, Western Laboratory,  
Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Office of  
Forensic Sciences

## **Day 2 (Cont.)**

### **Injury Biomechanics: How Much Force Was It?**

Cynthia A. Bir, PhD, University of Southern California Keck School of  
Medicine

### **Neck Dissection**

Dr. Odey Ukpo, Deputy Medical Examiner, LA County Department of  
Medical Examiner-Coroner

### **Death of a Jockey: Accident vs. Homicide**

Dr. Louis Peña, Deputy Medical Examiner, L.A. County Department of  
Medical Examiner-Coroner

### **Oddball Toxicology**

Caitlin Miller, Senior Criminalist, L.A. County Department of Medical  
Examiner-Coroner

### **Hydrogen Sulfide Suicides—A Modern Trend**

Elissa Fleak, Special Operations Lieutenant, L.A. County Department of  
Medical Examiner-Coroner

## **Day 3**

### **Laws Protecting Native American Remains**

Dr. Deborah W. Gray, Coroner Sergeant, Riverside County  
Sheriff-Coroner

### **Child Abuse**

Dr. Mark A. Fajardo, Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner, L.A. County  
Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

### **Toxic Gases**

Dr. Michael Levine, Assistant Professor, USC Department of  
Emergency Medicine, Medical Toxicology Section

### **Touch DNA: A Touchy Subject**

Sean Yoshii, Supervising Criminalist, L.A. County Sheriff  
Department Crime Laboratory

### **Innovations and Donations**

Sarah M. Schedewitz, RN, BSN, CCRN, CPTC, One Legacy,  
Procurement Transplant Coordinator

### **Outpatient Surgery**

Dr. Denis Astarita, FACS

### **Final Exit—Trends and Practices in the Right to Die Movement**

Brian Elias, Captain, L.A. County Dept. of Medical Examiner-Coroner

### **Cardiac Infections**

Dr. Julia T. Chu, Forensic Pathology Fellow, L.A. County  
Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner

### **Military and Civilian Autopsies**

Dr. AbuBakr A. Marzouk, Deputy Medical Examiner, Office of the  
San Diego County Medical Examiner

### **Who will benefit from this conference?**

1. Forensic Pathologists
2. Coroner and/or Criminal Investigators
3. Scientists
4. Students and those pursuing a career in the forensic field
5. Teachers of forensic science or criminal justice
6. Forensic nurses
7. attorneys
8. Law Enforcement
9. All those interested in recent trends in death investigations

**Schedule:** June 3—5, 2015  
8:00am—5:00pm

**Location:** The Garland  
4222 Vineland Avenue  
North Hollywood, CA 91602  
(818) 980-8000

**Hotel Info:** \$155/per night  
(Must reserve by May 15, 2015)

**Parking:** \$10.00 per day; \$22.00 overnight

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